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- 1. DE 44 09 750 A1 (English abstract provided)
- 2. DE 35 12 076 C2 (English abstract provided)
- 3. US 4,446,906

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